

REMARKS

Reconsideration and reversal of the rejections presented in the Office Action dated July 12, 2007 are respectfully requested in light of the following.

The present application includes claims 1-3, 6-11, 18, and 20-27. With entry of this amendment, claims 1, 6, 7, 20, and 21 are amended, and claims 4, 5, 12-17, 19, and 28-31 are canceled.

In the aforementioned Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In response, claims 20 and 21 have been amended to change their dependencies from claim 19 to claim 18. As such, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are now in condition for allowance as depending from allowed claim 18.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 5. The Examiner indicated that claim 5 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is in condition for allowance. It is noted that claim 1 has been amended not in acquiescence of the Examiner's rejections, but in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

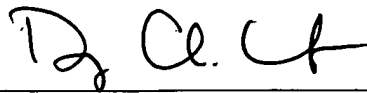
Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to change their dependencies to independent claim 1 in light of the cancellation of claims 4 and 5. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 18 and 22-27. As noted above, claims 12-17 and 28-31 have been canceled. Again, these claims have been canceled not in acquiescence of the Examiner's rejections, but in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the solicited claims are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

If necessary, applicants request that this response be considered a request for an extension of time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this amendment be charged to the account of Baker & Daniels, Deposit Account No. 02-0390.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below should any question or comment arise during reconsideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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